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- a. [redacted] in the CRANIBURG barracks area, [redacted] total strength [redacted] about 10,000 men. Quarters for recruits in the Schloss, now occupied by 600 men, are being enlarged. Units previously based in the Kaiser plant in northern CRANIBURG have been brought into the concentration camp area. On both observation dates, groups of 30-50 men went to FUERSTENBERG (U52) where they boarded Furlough Train Ru 62 going to FRANKFURT/ODER.
- b. On 13 December, fifteen JS-3 tanks coming from the direction of FUERSTENBERG were unloaded at the CRANIBURG freight station. [redacted]

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- c. Twelve 152 mm guns were seen in the compound. Vehicles observed in the area [redacted]

2. SCHÖNVALDER (266), 15 December 1949

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- a. Strength is estimated at about 1,200 armored, 1,400 rifle, and 800 AA troops. This increase at the Schönvalder Kaserne is due to the calling-in of units earlier stationed between NINDENBURGDORF (265) and SCHÖNVALDER (266). Barages and sheds were closed. A few small groups were undergoing combat training.

25X1 3. DOBERNITZ (265), 16 December 1949

- a. Olympisches Dorf is held by 800 SAF ground troops plus some 2,000 artillery, rifle, and armored troops. No training was observed. [redacted]

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- b. The former Regiment Lehr Kaserne on the Hamburg Chaussee contains about 2,400 motorized riflemen, some of whom belong to older classes. Approximately 25 guns, chiefly of German origin, were standing in the yard; their calibers ranged from 30 to 105 mm. [redacted]

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- c. Railroad sheds in DOERFHEIM are now guarded by Volkspolizei, a number of whom were seen in the barracks yard.

4. NEURUPPIN (Z49), Undated

- a. A barracks in RATHENOW /MOED is being evacuated, allegedly to make room for Volkspolizei units. Transports of 30-50 men are leaving this barracks daily, heading in the direction of NEURUPPIN. Trucks with construction material follow by day.

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- b. [redacted]
barracks in the woods between ZWOLLEN (U31) and BITTSTOCK (U11) were abandoned several weeks ago by armored and artillery troops who were drawn back to PARCHIM (T74). It is said that the forest barracks will be taken over by artillerymen from RATHENOW.

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